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DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on 10 December 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The response is not clear as to which of the many species is being elected as it states that the species of Figures 23-35 are elected. The requirement mailed 23 October 2002 makes reference to no such species. Only the withdrawn requirement of 24 April 2002 references this species, however, a proper response to the requirement of 23 October 2002 is only the listed species in that action. Any other election will be considered non-responsive and the time will continue to run for a proper response.

2. **THE TIME PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER CONTINUES TO RUN FROM THE DATE OF THE 22 NOVEMBER 2002 OFFICE ACTION.**

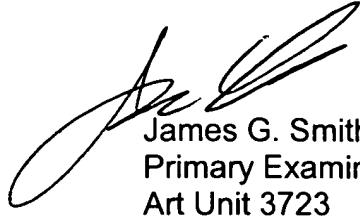
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James G. Smith whose telephone number is 703-308-1746. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (7:05- 4:35) first Fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail, III can be reached on 703-308-2687. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3579 for regular communications and 703-305-9835 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1148.



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